

8u Summer League Rules

- 1.) **Length of Game**-There will be two (2) 20-minute running time halves. A brief warm up will be given to each goalie before the game begins. A buzzer will sound every 2:00 to signal a line change.
- 2.) **Offsides**-Will be called at times, by on ice officials/coaches, our goal is to keep the game moving as much as possible but also want to provide teaching opportunities.
- 3.) **Penalties**- All penalties will result in that player missing a shift. If a player receives 3 penalties in one game, they will not be allowed to play the rest of the game.
- 4.) **Face offs**-Faceoffs will take place at the beginning of each half. If goals or offsides occur the defending team will be given the puck to speed up game play.
- 5.) **Game scoring**-Score will be kept, however with a maximum of 4 goal lead per team. For example, Team #1 leads over team #2 with a score of 4-0; another goal would not be posted until team #2 scores to make it 4-1. Team #1 is not awarded for previous goals; only goals from that point forward will count until spread of 4 is reached.
- 6.) **Format**-With 12+ players on each roster teams may play either 6 on 6 or 5 on 5 depending on how many players show each night. Our goal is to pair up players with common abilities so it can be competitive and enjoyable.
- 7.) **Perspective**: We are not keeping season standings so there is no need to get caught up in the scoreboard, we are emphasizing game play and introducing rules. Our goal is at the end of 6 weeks all players have a better understanding of the game to prepare them for their next hockey season. We have a variety of ages and skill levels. Please remind players that the overall goal is to have fun spending time getting to know new teammates and playing the best game in the world.